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## DEATHS ARE RESULT OF SUICIDE PACT

Newark, N. J., Officers Unable to Decide Circumstances of the Deaths of Two Spinsters.

New York, Dec. 20.—With one of them stabbed through the heart with a hatpin and strangled, and the other, whose body hung from a door knob by a rope, stabbed half a dozen times by a similar instrument, the lifeless bodies of Miss Frances Ritchie and her sister, Isabella Ritchie, were found Sunday in the kitchen of their home at 45 Marshall street in Newark.

According to the county physician, Doctor McKenzie, the women, both of whom were 55 years old, had been dead more than a week. The doctor fixed the date from a note written on the cover of a white box found on the sideboard in the dining room. The note read: "Frances hung herself, 2 1/2 Saturday, Me too."

The authorities are trying to determine whether it was a murder and suicide or a double suicide. Frances, who was the elder, was found lying on the kitchen floor between a window looking out into the yard and a door at the head of the cellar stairs. It looked as though her body had been arranged in that position. It rested upon the back with the head on a pillow taken from the parlor sofa. The hands were clasped in front. There was a heavy ridge around the neck, showing that she had been strangled, and a hatpin penetrated the body to the heart.

The body of Isabella was hanging from the transom. She was in a kneeling position, with her face toward the floor. A pair of gold-rimmed eyeglasses were on her nose. Edward E. C. Gordon, the owner of the house, failed to get into the house this afternoon and told the police that he feared something was wrong. Gordon said that he had seen Frances December 11 and that neither of the women have been seen since. Policemen forced an entrance and found the bodies.

It was while the body of Frances was being dressed that Doctor McKenzie noticed the black head of an ordinary hatpin over the heart. In disrobing the other body the county physician found that she had been stabbed a half dozen times with what he believed was the same hatpin. It was at first believed that the women had entered into a suicide agreement. The landlord said that Isabella was eccentric and frequently expressed a desire to die. He said that her sister always tried to keep her from thinking of such things. That would tend to destroy the theory of a double suicide. The police now incline to the belief that Isabella who was the younger and stronger of the two, killed her sister and then hanged herself.

### Investigate Alleged Kidnapping.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 18.—District Indian Agent Fred C. Cook and other government representatives are in Muskogee today, taking testimony in the matter of the alleged kidnapping of the aged Creek woman, Tochee Thloco some weeks ago. The Indian woman was spirited away by oil men who were attempting to have a lease on her allotment approved by the department of the interior.

### COLDEST WEATHER OF SEASON IN PANHANDLE.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Southern Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle are experiencing the coldest weather of the season today. Ardmore, Okla., and Abilene, Tex., reported four degrees above. Fort Worth, eight. In Kansas the temperature ranged from ten above at Wichita to zero at Concordia.

## CONDUCTOR OF TRAIN IS HELD RESPONSIBLE

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—To urge upon Mexico the importance of hurrying the trial of James A. Cook, was the substance of a message telegraphed by the state department today, to the American ambassador at the city of Mexico. This action followed a visit to the state department by representative Scott of Kansas, whose constituent Cook is. Cook has been in the Mexican prison for months as a result of the robbing of a train of which he was conductor. He is held responsible because he was in charge of the train.

## NOMINATES KERENS FOR AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—President Taft, today, sent to the senate the following nominations of ambassadors and ministers:

Richard C. Kerns, of Missouri, ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

Robert Bacon, New York, ambassador to France.

Henry Lane Wilson, of Washington, minister to Mexico.

William James Calhoun, minister to China.

## \$75,000 PROPERTY LOSS BY FIRE AT HILL CITY

By Associated Press.

Hill City, Kan., Dec. 20.—Inability to secure water, because of frozen pipes, caused a loss of \$75,000 from fire here early today. The Irick general merchandise store, American State bank and Woodmen hall were the buildings destroyed.

### Williams Wins.

Last Friday in a contest to see whose play should be used for the open season program of the American Literary Society of the Manual high school at Kansas City, to be given next March, a melodrama, written by Buford Williams, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Williams, won by a large majority over two other contestants. They play has a very heavy plot, condensed to the one act lengths in two scenes, and will be staged under the personal direction of the author, who also has a prominent part in the cast.

## 27 KILLED, 99 INJURED, IN TRAIN WRECKS IN WEEK.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Twenty-seven killed, ninety-nine injured in five wrecks last week.

The last week has seen many railroad wrecks. The following are the most serious:

	Killed.	Injured.
Dec. 11, Big Four, North east, Pa. ....	4	20
Dec. 13, C. & N. W., Evanston, Ill. ....	2	18
Dec. 15, Southern, Reidsville, N. C. ....	16	13
Dec. 18, C. B. & Q., Western Springs, Ill. ....	0	30
Dec. 18, Lake Shore, Cleveland, Ohio ....	5	18
Total .....	27	99

### Given Jail Sentence.

Harry Martin and H. J. Sanford, the two men arrested last week charged with defrauding the Watson store by means of a short change game, were arraigned before Justice Meredith today and both pleaded guilty as charged. They were sentenced to thirty days in jail.

## FOUR KILLED IN SUNDAY WRECKS

"Golden State Limited" Wrecked While Rounding a Curve at a High Speed.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Engineer Tom Walker and Fireman P. W. Bauer, both of Tucson, were killed, thirteen persons were injured seriously and thirty-nine others were cut and bruised when Southern Pacific train No. 4, formerly known as the "Golden State Limited," was wrecked three miles west of Benson at 4:01 o'clock Sunday morning. The most seriously injured were brought in a hospital train to St. Mary's hospital at Tucson. They are:

Willard M. Knight, Los Angeles, mail clerk, may die.

John Lawrence, soldiers' home, Los Angeles.

W. R. Walker, mail clerk, Los Angeles.

Mrs. L. A. Bellows, Boston, Mass.

A. H. Foster, mail clerk, Los Angeles.

William Collins, Oakland.

James A. Wilson, Ontario, Cal.

Mrs. James A. Wilson.

Colonel William Fife, Cananea, Mex.

Mrs. Helen Morton, Los Angeles.

Miss Nellie Corbett.

Edward G. Edmunds, mail clerk, Los Angeles.

Conductor Edward Tenn, El Paso.

The train was running thirty miles an hour. Southern Pacific officials ascribe the wreck to striking a curve at too high speed. The engine, baggage car, mail car and two tourist sleepers toppled from the rails, the engine and the mail car rolling forty feet down into the culvert. The other cars turned over as they cleared the rails but did not go into the ditch. The pullman and an observation car remained on the track, and their momentum carried them 500 feet beyond the wreckage. The injured were nearly all in the tourist sleepers and the mail car.

Fireman and Clerk Killed.

St. Paul, Dec. 20.—Westbound passenger train No. 3 on the Minnesota and Iowa division of the Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, which left St. Paul at 10 a. m., Sunday, collided with a freight train at Blakely, Minn., about noon. Fireman Joe Zinnell and Mail Clerk F. Torgerson, both of St. Paul, were killed.

## NEGRO KILLED AND OFFICER WOUNDED

Exciting Scene in Kansas City Pawn Shop—Two Officers And Negro in Pistol Battle.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—In a pistol battle, in which County Marshal Joel B. Mayes, patrolman Earl C. Logan and an unknown negro participated here today, the negro was killed and the marshal shot in the head and severely wounded, in a pawn shop on Independence avenue.

The officers had been notified that the negro was in the pawn shop trying to borrow money on jewelry, which had been stolen. Entering the store they arrested the negro who began firing, hitting the marshal the first shot. The marshal steadied himself and killed the negro. The store was crowded.

Miss Lottie Markham is expected home Wednesday from Fayette, Mo., where she has been attending Howard Payne College.

Miss Ruth Morrison of Cleora is the guest of Miss Elsie Morrison.

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## SHERIFF ASKS GOVERNOR DINEEN FOR TROOPS

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—Sheriff Goshel, of St. Clair county, Illinois, today, asked Governor Deneen for troops to protect the jail at Belleville, where Will Clark, the negro suspected of fatally shooting two street car employees of East St. Louis last Saturday night, is held prisoner. There are rumors that a lynching is being planned.

## THIRD NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION AT TOPEKA

By Associated Press.

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 20.—Another natural gas explosion today, shattered windows and painfully injured Fred H. Furchess, an electrician. Furchess was working in a telephone conduct using a soldering iron. The gas ignited and blew out a man hole, a block distant with a deafening report and also burned Furchess. This is the third explosion from leaking mains within a week.

## JUSTICE M'KENNA DENIED HARRY THAW'S PETITION

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Justice McKenna of the supreme court of the United States today, denied the petition of Harry K. Thaw for a writ of error to the court of appeals of New York, in the case in which Thaw made an effort to obtain his release from the Matteawan asylum. The effect of McKenna's decision will be to leave Thaw in the asylum.

## OWEN WANTS ALL LANDS TO BE TAXED

Senator Owen Opposes Sale of Segregated Lands to Government Because it Would Be Untaxable.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Congressman Bird McGuire of the First Oklahoma district, Saturday held a conference with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, relative to the disposal of the coal, asphalt and timber lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

Mr. Ballinger agreed to meet the Oklahoma congressional delegation this week, at which time the sale of the lands will be discussed. McGuire will introduce a bill to dispose of the lands in question and it is conceded that the surface lands at least will be sold. The Indians want the government to purchase the lands for \$60,000,000, but opposition, headed by Senator Owen, has already arisen to the disposal of the lands to Uncle Sam at any price.

Owen's opposition is based on the fact that if the government becomes the purchaser the lands would be untaxable.

Commissioner Wright, of the Five Civilized Tribes has recommended that the lands be sold at once, under the supervision of the secretary of the interior and by rules he may devise, if congress does not see fit to make purchase at the stipulated price.

Sheriff Captures More Boozers.

A few of Vinita bootleggers are probably out of "stock" this evening as a result of the capture at the Frisco freight depot, today, of four cases of whiskey. This whiskey was consigned to different parties, all of whom are thought by the sheriff to be "in the business."

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The Printer of Udell's, (Wright.)  
Richard Carvel, (Churchill.)  
The Fighting Chance, (Chambers.)  
Quincy Adams Sawyer, (Polger.)  
The Car of Destiny, (C. N. and A. N. Williamson.)  
The Jungle, (Stinchard.)  
Ben Blair, (Llebridge.)  
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